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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole
inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an
original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are
listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed
and for which a patent is sought on the invention
entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REPLACING AORTIC
VALVE", the specification of which was filed on
12/14/2001, accorded Serial No. 10/022,951, and is
identified by Attorney's Docket No. VIA-15.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand
the contents of the above-identified specification,
including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information
which is material to the examination of this
application in accordance with Title 37, Code of
Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35,
United States Code, Section 119(e), of United States

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Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/256,196,
filed 12/15/00 by Richard B. Streeter for "APPARATUS
AND METHOD FOR REPLACING AORTIC VALVE" (Attorney's
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